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# **HOUSE BILL NO. 2252**

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTMAN.

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### **AN ACT**

To repeal section 143.011, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to income taxes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 143.011, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 143.011, to read as follows:

143.011. 1. A tax is hereby imposed for every [taxable] tax year on the Missouri taxable income of every resident. The tax shall be determined by applying the tax table or the rate provided in section 143.021, which is based upon the following rates:

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5 If the Missouri taxable income is: The tax is:

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6 7 8 Over \$1,000 but not over \$2,000...... \$15 plus 2% of excess over \$1,000 9 Over \$2,000 but not over \$3,000..... \$35 plus 2 1/2% of excess over \$2,000 10 Over \$3,000 but not over \$4,000 . . . . . . . \$60 plus 3% of excess over \$3,000 Over \$4,000 but not over \$5,000..... \$90 plus 3 1/2% of excess over \$4,000 11 Over \$5,000 but not over \$6,000..... \$125 plus 4% of excess over \$5,000 12 Over \$6,000 but not over \$7,000 . . . . . . . \$165 plus 4 1/2% of excess over \$6,000 13 Over \$7,000 but not over \$8,000...... \$210 plus 5% of excess over \$7,000 14 Over \$8,000 but not over \$9,000......\$260 plus 5 1/2% of excess over \$8,000 15 Over \$9,000.....\$315 plus 6% of excess over \$9,000 16

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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2. (1) Beginning with the 2017 calendar year, the top rate of tax under subsection 1 of this section may be reduced over a period of years. Each reduction in the top rate of tax shall be by one-tenth of a percent and no more than one reduction shall occur in a calendar year. The top rate of tax shall not be reduced below five and one-half percent. Reductions in the rate of tax shall take effect on January first of a calendar year and such reduced rates shall continue in effect until the next reduction occurs.

- (2) A reduction in the rate of tax shall only occur if the amount of net general revenue collected in the previous fiscal year exceeds the highest amount of net general revenue collected in any of the three fiscal years prior to such fiscal year by at least one hundred fifty million dollars.
- (3) Any modification of tax rates under this subsection shall only apply to tax years that begin on or after a modification takes effect.
- (4) The director of the department of revenue shall, by rule, adjust the tax tables under subsection 1 of this section to effectuate the provisions of this subsection. The bracket for income subject to the top rate of tax shall be eliminated once the top rate of tax has been reduced to five and one-half [of a] percent.
- 3. Beginning with the 2017 calendar year, the brackets of Missouri taxable income identified in subsection 1 of this section shall be adjusted annually by the percent increase in inflation. The director shall publish such brackets annually beginning on or after October 1, 2016. Modifications to the brackets shall take effect on January first of each calendar year and shall apply to tax years beginning on or after the effective date of the new brackets.
- 4. (1) Notwithstanding subsection 5 of this section to the contrary, as used in this subsection, the following terms mean:
- (a) "CPI", the annual general price level as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as defined and officially reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency;
- (b) "Inflation increase", the percentage increase in the annual average of the CPI over the previous year.
- (2) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, in addition to any other adjustment required under this section, the amounts of the Missouri taxable income listed in subsection 1 of this section shall be adjusted annually as provided in this subsection.
- (3) For the tax year beginning on January 1, 2018, the director shall adjust the amounts of the Missouri taxable income listed in subsection 1 of this section by the same percentage as the inflation increase in the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2017. For each subsequent tax year, the director shall determine the inflation increase that has not

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been used in an adjustment under this subsection and shall annually adjust the amounts of the Missouri taxable income by the same percentage of such inflation increase. If there was no inflation increase in a particular year, the director shall disregard such year and, in the next year with an inflation increase, apply the percentage of inflation increase in the next required annual adjustment.

- (4) The director shall annually make the adjustments required under this subsection until each inflation increase in calendar years 1931 to 2017 has been applied to the amounts of the Missouri taxable income listed in subsection 1 of this section.
- 5. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, as used in this section, the following terms mean:
- (1) "CPI", the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor index;
- 65 (2) "CPI for the preceding calendar year", the average of the CPI as of the close of the twelve month period ending on August thirty-first of such calendar year;
- 67 (3) "Percent increase in inflation", the percentage, if any, by which the CPI for the preceding calendar year exceeds the CPI for the year beginning September 1, 2014, and ending 69 August 31, 2015.

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